

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-11 were examined. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are pending.

I. Objections to the Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner alleged that the information disclosure statement filed on June 1, 2004, fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. However, the Applicants believe that the Examiner has erroneously not considered the submission of Korean Patent Publication No. 1020030005675 with an English language abstract included with the IDS. According to MPEP § 609.04(a)(III), the submission of an English language abstract of a reference may fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation. The Applicants have submitted herewith another copy of the form PTO 1449 for the Examiner to initial since the previously filed IDS is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

II. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification for informalities. In response, the Applicants amended the fourth paragraph on page 7 of the Specification to replace the phrase “disclaim protecting function” with the phrase “non-repudiation” to correct the clarification issue. Accordingly, in light of the amendment, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Specification.

III. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0084292 issued to Pierce et al. (hereinafter “Pierce”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,907,618 issued to Gennaro et al. (hereinafter “Gennaro”).

Claim 1, among other limitations, recites the limitations of an “encrypted signature into the security header of the SOAP header.” Pierce fails to teach the cited limitation. Instead, the portions of Pierce relied upon by the Examiner teach that the header of the SOAP envelope may include *clear text data* such as encryption data, authentication data, and sign data. See Pierce,

paragraph [0085], [0086]. However, an *encrypted signature in the header* is not taught by Pierce. Further, the Examiner has not cited and Applicants are unable to discern where in Gennaro that the cited limitation is disclosed. Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Pierce in view of Gennaro fails to teach or suggest each limitation of claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1.

In regard to claims 2-4, these claims depend from claim 1 and incorporate the limitations thereof. For at least the reasons mentioned in connection with claim 1, Pierce in view of Gennaro fails to teach or suggest each element of these claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-4.

In regard to claims 5, 10, and 11, these claims include analogous limitations to those recited in claim 1. In regard to claims 6-9, these claims depend from claim 5 and incorporate the limitations thereof. Hence, for at least the reasons previously mentioned in connection with claim 1, Pierce in view of Gennaro fail to teach or suggest each element of these claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-11.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-11 patentably define the subject invention over the cited references of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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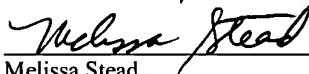
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